also forwarded to Government of Maharashtra for taking remedial action as per the guidelines.

Electrification of Bedgaon in U.P.

561. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of villages in the hill regions of Uttar pradesh are still unelectrified even after fifty years of Independence, if so, the reasons therefor;;

(b) whether village Bedgaon in Block kalzikhar has not been selected for electrification by the Advisory Committee, inspite of its large population, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the above village is likely to be selected for electrification by the Advisory Committee; and

(d) the guidelines followed for constituting the Advisory Committee in the above region alongwith the reasons for its failure to recommend the electrification requirement of the above village?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) As reported by the UPSEB, out of the 15166 villages in the hilly region of Uttar Pradesh, 11744 villages have been electrified till the end of March 1996. The UPSEB has reported that 3422 villages remain to be electrified due to paucity of funds and lower target for village electrification.

(b) to (d) The UPSEB has reported that village Bedgaon in Block Kalzikhal with a population of 340 has not been electrified so far. They have also reported that the selection of villages for village electrification was done by the Advisory Committee upto 1994-95 and by the District Magistrate of pauri Garhwal for the last 2 years. UPSEB have also reported that they have decided that during 1996-97 only Ambedkar and Gandhi villages selected by the District Magistrates concerned will be electrified. The policies for the selection of villages for electrification are framed by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Shortage of Drinking Water and Poor Maintenance of Government Quarters by CPWD

562. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that residents of Government quarters attached to CGHS dispensary, Daryaganj, are facing acute shortage of drinking water since 24th May, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that day to day repairs of flats are not being carried out by the CPWD;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Asstt. Engineer (electrical), CPWD enquiry, Minto Road, New Delhi has refused to carry out the repairs and the higher authorities are also keeping silent in the matter; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take against such officers/ officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The water supply in six quarters which are on the second floor over the CGHS Dispensary at Daryaganj is provided by M.C.D. However, since the pressure in M.C.D. lines is inadequate a pump was installed in the incoming pipeline of M.C.D. in order to ensure water supply to second floor. Complaints received in this regard on 24.5.96, 3.6.96 and 5.6.96 were attended to immediately. But, when a subsequent complain was received on 8.6.96 the motor was found burnt which took considerable time for repairs i.e. till 22.6.96 during which period the pressure was low and the supply was inadequate.